**DEGREE(S)**

+ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in forensic science
+ Minor in forensic science

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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Forensic science is the scientific method of gathering and analyzing evidence. Forensic science is an interdisciplinary field that employs the methods, tools and perspectives of biology, chemistry, anthropology, sociology, physics, mathematics and medicine to better understand the intersection of law and science.

Forensic science has gained recent media attention in its application to civil and criminal law. However, the field is much broader and includes the application of forensic science to accidents, natural and man-made disasters, historical/archaeological evaluations of death and life style to more contemporary establishment of death for criminal or civil purposes.

The forensic science major follows the guidelines for accreditation standards of American Academy of Forensic Sciences. The major in this fascinating and quickly developing scientific field enables students to compete with the most accomplished and well-educated students in prestigious universities on a national and global level. Upon completing the major in forensic science, students find themselves not only well versed in scientific methodology but also prepared to dedicate their understanding of law and science across most industries to the service of others.

Forensic science is an appropriate major for all students who want to pursue graduate studies or professional work in any scientific or professional field. Completion of the major places students in a position to address the scientific basis of civil and criminal law through further legal studies or research.

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**ABOUT THE FACULTY**

Our faculty members hold the terminal degrees in their areas of specialization. Not only do they provide exceptional instruction in our curriculum but most of them are practicing professionals in the fields of forensic science and medical examination.

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**CURRICULUM**

Forensic science is an interdisciplinary field that employs the methods, tools and perspectives of biology, chemistry, anthropology, sociology, physics, mathematics and medicine to better understand the intersection of law and science. The major in forensic science requires 77 credit hours divided. Many of the 77 credits are double counted from the core curriculum of the College of Arts and Sciences and therefore provide the basis of a second major that can be completed in four years.

**Courses in Biology**

+ BIOL 1040: Principles of Biology I w/ Lab
+ BIOL 1060: Principles of Biology II w/ Lab

**Courses in Chemistry**

+ CHEM 1110/1115: Introduction to Chemistry I w/ Lab
+ CHEM 1120/1125: Introduction to Chemistry II w/ Lab
+ CHEM 2410/2420: Organic Chemistry I w/ Lab
+ CHEM 2415/2425: Organic Chemistry II w/ Lab

**Courses in Physics**

+ PHYS 1310/1320: Physics I w/ Lab
+ PHYS 1330/1340: Physics II w/ Lab

**Courses in Mathematics**

+ MATH 1510: Calculus I
+ MATH 1300 or SOC 3010: Quantitative Analysis

**Courses in Sociology and Anthropology (28 credit hours)**

+ SOC 2600: Survey of Forensic Science
+ SOC 3630: Forensic Biology w/ Lab
+ SOC 3620: Chemical Forensics w/ Lab
+ SOC 3280: Forensic Anthropology
+ SOC 3590: Law and Society
+ SOC 4000: Field Work Practicum
+ SOC 4550: Crime Scene Investigation w/ Lab
+ SOC 4610: Death Investigation

Students must also select twelve credits from courses in biology, chemistry, instrumental analysis and pharmacology (including a minimum of two laboratory courses).

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is 
a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College 
admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of 
the student's ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to 
qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be 
considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate 
program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited 
high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Admission into the forensic science program:
+ Minimum GPA of 2.7.
+ Completion of the forensic science application form
+ A one page statement of interest in the forensic science program.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or 
have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and 
official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted 
fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college 
credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only 
submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a 
transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the 
student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator 
of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?
The department has connections with forensic science laboratories in the St. 
Louis metropolitan area. Fieldwork practicums are required for forensic science 
majors, including working at an operating forensic science lab and performing 
the forensic research projects in those labs.

Fieldwork practicums also provide an opportunity for students to be involved in 
the laboratories, law enforcement agencies and legal and medical 
organizations in the area. Students meet with the department internship 
director for assistance in applying to any of the local, regional, national and 
even international employment opportunities.

Graduates of the forensic science program are involved in diverse careers, 
including as researchers in medical laboratories, medical examination, as well 
as top graduate programs in the country including; forensic science, forensic 
anthropology, pathology, law and health service fields.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID
There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership 
and financial need.
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require 
repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply 
for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student 
Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student 
financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.